

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Broadcast network comprising:

an information server coupled to an internet protocol gateway;

a plurality of subscriber terminals coupled to the internet protocol gateway, the subscriber terminals for receiving broadcast signals from the information server;

a return channel for transmitting information from a subscriber terminal to

a head-end; and

authentication means coupled to an internet protocol gateway, the authentication means for authorizing the access of the subscriber terminal to interactive services,

wherein the subscriber terminal ~~includes~~ is configured to request, from an authorization server using the internet protocol gateway, ~~to enable a request of~~ one or more of a plurality of services, the authorization server configured to check the entitlement of the subscriber to the one or more of a plurality of services to be provided by the information server, ~~and not a communication link used,~~ and the authorization server is configured to enable the subscriber to access said one or more plurality of services, wherein each requested service can be authorized separately from the communications link used.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) Broadcast network according to claim 1, wherein said services are transmitted using IP packets, and in that said request comprises information about at least one destination IP address to which IP packets from the subscriber station are passed.

5. (Currently Amended) Subscriber station for receiving broadcast signals, said subscriber stations being arranged for transmitting information via a return channel to a head-end, wherein the subscriber terminal comprises authorization transmitting means for transmitting authorization request messages to an authorization server, the subscriber further being arranged for receiving authorization messages from the authorization server, and in that the subscriber station is arranged for requesting services from the head-end after receiving a positive authorization message, wherein each requested service can be authorized separately from the communications link used.

6. (Currently Amended) A gateway for passing information from an information server to at least one subscriber terminal, wherein the gateway is arranged for requesting one or more of a plurality of services to an authorization server using a protocol network, and in that the gateway is arranged for enabling the subscriber to access the one or more of a plurality of services in response to an authorization message received from the authorization server, wherein each requested service can be authorized separately from the communications link used.

7. (Currently Amended) A method comprising transmitting broadcast signals to at least one subscriber station and transmitting information from the subscriber terminal to an head-end, the method further comprises comprising the steps of:

authorizing the access of the subscriber terminal to available services, wherein ~~the method comprises~~ a subscriber terminal sends ~~sending~~ a request for one or more of a plurality of services to an authorization server;

checking, by the authorization service using an internet protocol gateway, the entitlement of the subscriber terminal to the one or more of a plurality of services to be provided; ~~and in that the method comprises transmitting information to the subscriber terminals via an internet protocol gateway, and~~

enabling the subscriber to access said one or more of the plurality of services by transmitting a message to the gateway to grant said subscriber access to said services, wherein each requested service can be authorized separately from the communications link used.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 7, wherein said message comprises information about at least one source IP address from which IP packets are passed to the subscriber station.

10. (Canceled).